

THE SHELTON STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Annual Meeting - May 12, 1997

A plan for the development of an alumni association was approved by the college's administration in February 1995. The Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs of the college would be responsible for the development of the association. Various members of the college's faculty and staff were interviewed and asked for recommendations of former students who they thought might be willing to be the nucleus of this new organization. Gathering those names, the Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs contacted these individuals and other to decide their interest.

In October 1995, the Alumni Council met for the first time. The Alumni Council would serve as the executive committee for the organization and would be responsible for the development of the organization. An overview of the new organization was presented by Dr. Ted Spring, Vice President, and Rick Rogers, Assistant to the President of the college. The next six months were spent in organizing the Alumni Council, developing and approving By-laws and other policies.

During the summer of 1996, the first phase of construction of Shelton's new campus was completed. As its first project, the Alumni Association entertained with the first special event on the new campus in July - the Wild Wild West Alabama Party. Over 250 people attended. Barbecue and hot dogs were served along with soft drinks. A band, entertainment, children's activities were all part of the festivities.

In September, a formal installation of officers was held at Indian Hills Country Club. This event was hosted by the Shelton State Foundation and close ties began between these two organizations. The president of the Alumni Association will serve on the board of directors for

the Shelton State Foundation. Also, in September a membership campaign began. Approximately 3000 letters were sent to former students of the college.

In October the first general meeting of the Alumni Association was held on the college's new campus. Shelton instructor Martha Ann Hill presented the program on "Dealing with the Jerks in Your Life." A brief business meeting was held and refreshments were served.

In December the Alumni Council celebrated the holiday season with a dutch treat dinner at a local restaurant. Approximately 35 members and dates/spouses attended. The Alumni Association undertook a "Letters to Santa" campaign that was highly successful. Money raised on the project went to the scholarship fund.

The Alumni Association began 1997 in February with a general meeting in the college's Wellness Center. With the program centering on health issues, Shelton wellness instructor Milady Murphy spoke to the group. Also, in February, the Alumni Association hosted Alumni Night at the Shelton gymnasium. The official dedication of the new facilities was held during the evening. The Alumni Association sponsored the Great Shelton Shoot-out as a fund raiser.

In April the Alumni Association began plans for the Annual Meeting that would be held in May. Twelve members of the Alumni Council volunteered to help telephone former students whom they thought would be interested in joining the Alumni Association. Approximately 130 former students were called.

At present there are over 75 active members of the Shelton State Alumni Association. This year's graduates of the college will receive one year's free membership to the Association.

Jennifer Lake Kidwell served as president of the Association for the past two years.